



Dates for your diary

22.03.2023 – PTFA meeting time 6pm at Elm Park

28.03.2023 – Wow day – parents invited from 9-10. Info to follow.

30.03.2023 – Last day of term for children.

31.03.2023 – INSET day

17.4.2023 – First day of term 5

21.4.2023 – Year 4 swimming lessons start

5.5.2023 – Coronation Celebration (children only)

Bank holidays: 1.5.2023 and 8.5.2023,

SATs week Year 6 – 9.5.2023-12.5.2023

26.5.2023 – Last day of term 5.

Important notice

Please ensure that your child wears the correct PE kit to school. Elm Park jumper, Team colours T-shirt either plain or with the Elm Park Logo and plain black shorts, jogging bottoms or leggings.



Mrs Lugg, Miss Griffiths and Miss Green for organising an incredible STEM week and Hydrock and BAM for running workshops.

Miss Green, Mrs Keeping and Mr Fletcher for taking our children to the Robotics tournament.

Miss Dykes and Miss Bell for organising an action packed trip to Techniquet.

PC Paula and PCSO Jacqui for organising our trip to Police HQ.

Note from Mrs Bond...

As I sit here and reflect on the last two weeks, I feel humbled by the incredible work of our teaching team. Not only have the children received high quality learning in English and Maths, they have also been exposed to some truly wonderful experiences.

Our curriculum drivers are: Community, Creativity and Wellbeing. These are at the forefront of our thoughts as we design our curriculum. Since last writing to you, our children have all taken part in a STEM week involving local members of our community, created an amazing robot for the Lego robotics competition and have learnt how our police force protects our wellbeing with a trip to police HQ.

Inspiring:

Watching the news last week on Tuesday felt like a real treat as I saw our incredible Robotics team talk eloquently about the project they had designed and the importance of the competition. Our children joined 8 other schools from South Gloucestershire to compete. The team were truly incredible and were all awarded medals for their hard work and technological skills. This would not have been possible without the support of Mrs Keeping, Miss Green and Mr Fletcher – thank you to you all! William, Caleb, Daniel, Noah, Ben, Marley, Lucas and Matthew - you represented the school with pride, resilience and skill. Thank you so much for all of the time and energy you put into the whole competition – congratulations.

Enriching:

STEM week - Our children had a wonderful time last week, taking part in many different STEM workshops. Miss Green, Miss Griffiths and Mrs Lugg worked incredibly hard to invite people from the local community – BAM and Hydrock - to come and join us. Our children were able to use VRs to see how they are used for designing and planning builds. They also had an assembly to understand the science involved in building a passivhaus school. They learnt how to design different structures for different purposes and which shapes are used in construction to make the most stable structures. Thank you to BAM and Hydrock teams for supporting this week!

Achieving:

STEM Family challenge – What an event!

There was a real buzz of excitement last Friday afternoon as parents, grandparents, friends and families gathered outside the school waiting to join their children for our first STEM family challenge. As we opened the doors, we were taken aback by the vast numbers of families, who were here to support their children. There were some nervous smiles from lots of parents as they approached the classroom door to find out what was in store... A marble run!

The marble run challenged proved to be very competitive! Families eagerly scrambled for the last toilet roll tube and cereal box. The noise of frustration as the sellotape end become lost! Minutes flew by and finally the bells rang to signal that time was up! The big question on everyone's lips... Will it take over 10 seconds for the marble to run? Many did. Some got stuck. Others simply fell over. The most incredible part of the session was watching families all come together and enjoy creating a technology project. Thank you to everyone who was able to come and join in. It truly was a highlight for so many of our children!

Wishing you all a restful Mothering Sunday.

PE and Sports News

On Tuesday, the children in Reception all took part in Balanceability sessions run by the Progressive Sports team. They had great fun moving in different ways and practising on the balance bikes. All the activities are designed to improve the children's core strength. It was a brilliant morning and we are hoping to book in some more sessions in the summer term.



Unfortunately our Year 3 and 4 girls football session had to be postponed last week due to the weather. We are looking forward to taking the girls to the event when it is re-scheduled in Term 5.

We are also hoping to run a girls football club next term so if your daughter is interested in this, please look out for more information very soon.

House Point News

The children have been very busy collecting house points again this fortnight. Well done everyone for your hard work and super attitudes. You can see that it is very close in 3rd and 4th place this week.

Our current totals are

1st = Green - 733

2nd = Blue - 620

3rd = Red - 588

4th = Yellow - 586

Techniquist Visit:

Our year 4 children had a true adventure as they clambered onto the coach yesterday. They went to Cardiff Bay to the Techniquist museum. From all of the excitement today, the children shared that they had a wonderful time exploring the interactive displays.

